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QM AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE BUREAU CHIEF TAIPEI, HIMSELF AN ROC NATIONAL, HAS PASSED EMBASSY INTERESTING AFP ITEM DATED BELGRADE OCTOBER 1 WHICH NOTES KAO FENG, \$30756 \$843:594 &3,34-) 9\* 4307?)8: 9\* :#8,-'S LIGHT METALS EXPORT AND IMPORT CORPORATION RECENTLY HELD TALKS IN BELGRADE WITH PETER KOSTIC, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC CHAMBER OF SERBIA ON PROSPECTS FOR EXPANDING TAIWAN-YUGOSLAV TRADE. ITEM STATES KAO IS "HEAD OF TAIWAN TRAFMDELEGATION NOW TOURING EASTERN EUROPE." WE WERE PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF EXISTENCE OF THIS TRADE MISSION.

2. COINCIDENTALLY, EMBASSY RECEIVED VISA APPLICATION OCTOBER 9 FROM MIROSLAV FRANKO SAPINA WHO BORN AT MLADENOV ON 7 DEC 1926 AND TRAVELS ON YUGOSLAV PASSPORT BUT GIVES CURRENT RESIDENCE AS VIENNA (ZIEGLER-GASSE 27). SAPINA, WHO WAS TRAVELLING TO US FOR BUSINESS REASONS, MENTIONED THAT HE WAS PLANNING INVESTMENT IN TAIWAN.

3. WE HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT MODICUM OF TRADE GOES ON BETWEEN TAIWAN AND EASTERN EUROPE, WITH TWO WAY TOTAL ESTIMATED AT ABOUT US\$20 MILLION. THIS IS HARDLY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT IN ECONOMIC TERMS, GIVEN TAIWAN'S TOTAL FOREIGN TRADE TURNOVER OF ROUGHLY US\$8 BILLION, BUT IS INTERESTING IN VIEW OF GOVT'S ANNOUNCED POLICY OF NO CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT EAST EUROPEAN ORDERS FOR ROC GOODS ARE NORMALLY PLACED THROUGH WEST GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN TRADING COMPANIES, WITH GOODS BEING TRANSHIPPED THROUGH HAMBURG AND VIENNA. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT THIS TRADE IS GROWING. ROC BOARD OF TRADE ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 8 THAT ALTHOUGH GOVT NORMALLY REQUIRES ALL LOCALLY MANUFACTURED EXPORTS BE LABELLED "MADE IN TAIWAN, ROC", IF "TAIWAN-MADE" "GOODS ARE EXPORTED TO NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM, SIBERIA (SIC) EGYPT, RUMANIA, ALBANIA AND OTHER COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREAS", THERE IS NO NEED TO IDENTIFY PLACE OF ORIGIN.

4. APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELGRADE OR OTHER EE POSTS CAN PROVIDE ON TRADE AND/OR OTHER CONTACTS  
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